



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Golf Social!
Vitense Golfland
5501 Schroeder Road
Wednesday, June 14
7:30 PM

In June we will be enjoying an evening of mini-golf in lieu of our normal monthly meeting. The cost is \$7.50 per adult and \$6 for kids. If you want to go and didn't sign up at the last meeting, please email your rsvp to info@fourlakesscubaclub.org. If you signed up and can't go, please let us know! Hope you can make it!

Our normal monthly meetings at Babe's will resume in July.

Message From the President (Four Lakes Scuba Club President, not the US PRESIDENT!)

Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!

Thanks for everyone's effort on our local dives so far this season. I really appreciate all of the volunteers doing what they did to make the dives happen. Thanks to the Dive shops for offering discounts on air and gear! Thanks to John and Ellen for doing most of the organization on the cleanup dives! Thanks everyone for helping out with our cookout and finale dive on Sunday June 4th. It was a very relaxing event without a big prize drawing this year. I heard a few people mention ideas for next year so that's a great sign. Thanks again to all of the volunteers! We did collect some donations for DAN and Diveheart. If you still want to contribute, we'll mail it in for you.

We're planning to mini-golf at Vitense instead of an indoor meeting at Babe's in June. Looking forward to seeing everyone there in their fins and wetsuit!

Thanks,
Bill

Invasive Species Workshop on Tuesday, June 13

Join Mark Renz and Anne Pearce from UW Extension and the Wisconsin First Detector Network for an invasive species workshop. In this workshop, participants will practice identification of several invasive species and learn about helpful identification resources. In addition, they will be introduced to the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) smartphone app, which allows anyone to map and monitor invasive species- a great tool for volunteers working in Dane County Parks!

Participants will also learn more about specific management techniques for some of our most common invasive species in our area, including recommendations for selecting herbicides.

Tuesday, June 13: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Workshop: WI First Detector Network - Invasive Species Workshop
Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Road.
Madison, WI 53711

You can register online here: <https://sites.google.com/view/lwrd-training-networking/home>

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Volunteer Opportunity

Join Dane County Land and Water Resources and WI Department of Natural Resources on July 1 for an Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz! The Fourth of July weekend is one of Wisconsin's busiest boating holidays and this year, citizen volunteers in Dane County will spend a fun-filled morning helping boaters learn how they can stop aquatic hitchhikers.

The day will consist of one-hour of training to get you up to speed on how to be a Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer. Then, volunteers will split up into groups, each with a seasoned professional to help answer any tough questions, and spend the rest of the morning out at boat landings. If you enjoy it, you can adopt a boat landing and continue to volunteer throughout the summer!

Volunteers on July 1 will return to the starting point to share stories and enjoy a free lunch. Sign up [HERE>>>](#)

Recap of Take A Stake In Our Waters 2017

By Ellen Evans

The club had great local diving this spring. We started at First Lake, Kegonsa. 6 people entered from Springer's Restaurant. We scoured the bottom for over an hour and came up with only 6 pieces of trash. We expected more being near an eating establishment with outdoor seating. Springer's must have responsible patrons.

Next was Lake Waubesa. 5 of us dove off of private property next door to Babcock Park (thanks to Randy's friend). We came up with the usual anchors this area is known for, along with lots of bottles, cans, fishing line and even a boat's steering wheel and part of the rudder. I wonder how they got home.

Third Lake is Monona and there we dove from Morrison Park. We were joined by some Hoofers. 18 total volunteers. We found plenty of bottles, cans, bags and tarps. Ellen found a cash register drawer (empty, unfortunately). Tami said she was just going for the little stuff, but on the way back we came upon her dragging in a kitchen sink.

The next day several Hoofers joined us again for a drift dive down the Yahara from the locks to Monona. There is tons of garbage that needs to be picked up. We found several bikes, traffic signs, a laser scooter, patio umbrella, traffic cones, a telescope and Frisbees along with all the bottles, cans and bags. Thank you to Tami for bringing and paddling the canoe so that we could get the big stuff out. And to Howard and his brother for bringing a van to take the divers back to their cars after the dive. The City is very happy we did this and asked for photos. Let me know if you see these turn up anywhere.

Last but not least, Mendota County Park. 45 people came for the picnic and 22 people dove. The visibility was great. Those on the Barge did not find much garbage, but Tami's group and Jellen did. Ellen found a stove top. We will try to go to one of those sites if we dive from the park next year. Water temperatures this spring were in the 50's. Visibility was usually pretty good until we started pulling things up.

Randy, John and Ellen did all five dives. These were great opportunities to get ready for the dive season and help the county at the same time.



FOR SALE

Jay Salvo has a Fathom 1/4" medium large wetsuit (\$50) and an Offshore front closure dry suit (fits 5'6" - 5'-10")(\$500) he would like to sell. Both in great shape. Contact Jay if you are interested!

Ellen has an Ocean Images housing and lights and a Sony video camera for sale. A great starter camera! They are older and have some issues. She will take the best offer. Someone will likely get a deal! Contact Ellen at the meeting for details.

Your Article Could Be Here!

We are always looking for contributions to the newsletter! Please send your trip reports, articles, photos, etc. to news@fourlakesscubaclub.org. All submissions must be received by the first Wednesday of the month to be added in that month's newsletter.

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